

EV 726254029 US

06-09-05

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCERCE
JFW
S

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<i>JUN 08 2005 U.S. TRADEMARK OFFICE</i>	Application Number	10/796,806
	Filing Date	March 9, 2004
	First Named Inventor	James H. Mabe
	Art Unit	3676
	Examiner Name	Mark A. Williams
	Attorney Docket Number	7784-000704US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.08-0750

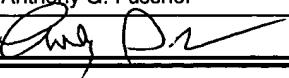
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17

b. Check in the amount of \$ 790 enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

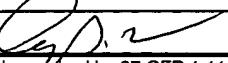
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print /Type)	Anthony G. Fussner	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	47,582
Signature		Date	June 8, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

Name (Print /Type)	Anthony G. Fussner	Express Mail Label No.	EV 726254029 US
Signature		Date	June 8, 2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



EV 726254029 US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/796,806

Filing Date: March 9, 2004

Applicant: James H. Mabe

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Mark A. Williams

Title: HINGE APPARATUS WITH TWO-WAY CONTROLLABLE SHAPE
MEMORY ALLOY (SMA) HINGE PIN ACTUATOR AND METHODS
OF MAKING TWO-WAY SMA PARTS

Attorney Docket: 7784-000704US

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and submits this amendment. Please continue the examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows, and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper,

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.